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Where's the TROLLEY ?



What Can You do?

Write, email, or telephone City Hall, SEPTA, your City Councilman, and your State Representative.

Let the decision-makers know that people support rail transit.

SEPTA PROMISED!

In 1992 service on several North Philadelphia transit lines was temporarily converted from trolley to bus. SEPTA promised the City to restore streetcar service as soon as new cars could be ordered and placed in service. The target date was 1997.

Since that time, over \$82 million has been spent to upgrade Route 15 - Girard Avenue to "Light Rail Standards." A parking dispute on one block of 59th Street has held up service for more than a year.

Since 1992, the eastern portion of Route 56 on Torresdale Avenue has been totally dismantled with no citizen input and no attempt to preserve the rails as part of a needed repaving effort.

Since 1992, despite the repeated efforts of merchants along Germantown Avenue in Mt. Airy and Chestnut Hill to restore service along the northern portion of Rte. 23, no cars have run for several years and parts of the line have been paved over.

Since the 1992 promise by SEPTA, most of the idled PCC trolleys have been sold off. Some of these PCCs were sold to San Francisco, which has lovingly restored them to run in a highly successful tourist and local trolley line to Fisherman's Wharf. While two dozen American cities are running or building heritage trolley lines, SEPTA has allowed its historic trolleys to fall into ruin and has recently sold most of them to other cities and museums.

It is time for Philadelphians to be heard!

Route 15 **MUST** be opened and our tax investment put to use.

The 1992 SEPTA promise to re-open Routes 23 and 56 must be honored within three years. (see map) 📍

All West Philadelphia subway/surface lines must be upgraded with new equipment and protected from abandonment.

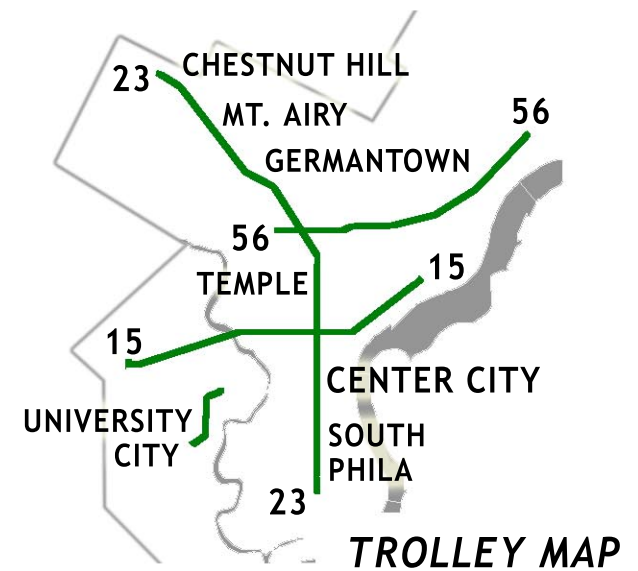
The University City Trolley must be implemented as soon as possible.

Heritage Trolley lines connecting key Center City tourist sites must be included in redevelopment of the Delaware waterfront and Naval Yard complex.

Purchase modern off the shelf trolley cars on a regular replacement basis, rather than all at once.



Modern low floor streetcars are available inexpensively off the shelf from several European and Japanese car builders, such as this new accessible air conditioned car in Prague.



Why trolley cars in the 21st Century?

Smaller Streetcars can run on existing routes and services

Streetcars are more comfortable than buses

Streetcars have zero air pollution

Streetcars are virtually silent

Streetcars can accelerate and brake much faster

Streetcars have much higher capacities so there is less crowding

Streetcars invite revitalization of neighborhoods

Streetcars denote permanence

Streetcars are just plain good neighbors and some folks think they're cute too.....